

BOOK REVIEWS

Psychoanalysis. Its theories and practical application. By A. A. Brill, Ph. D., M. D., 3rd ed. 468 pages. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1922.

Two diagnostic sins are almost unforgivable. One is to mistake neurosis for organic disease, the other to mistake organic disease for neurosis. In at least fifty per cent of cases as they come, the mental condition of the patient is of vital importance to both diagnosis and treatment. It ought to be trite to say that every medical man ought to be thoroughly acquainted with neuroses.

The volume named above is the third edition of an already standard work. No single book gives as clear and compendious a statement of pure Freudian psychopathology. Anyone who would understand the neuroses must begin with Freud and there is no better way than to read this work by Brill. Of course Freud was only the beginner and his work has been extended by a host of others, most particularly by Adler and Jung, and it is a pity that Brill barely mentions these two. If one were to depend solely upon Freud in treating the neuroses, without making any use of what these others have added, he would be riding a lame horse indeed.

The only essential change made since the second edition is the addition of chapters on Homosexuality and on Masterbation, both of which should be of great value to every reader. J. L. W.

The Practice of Medicine. By A. A. Stevens, M. D., Professor of Applied Therapeutics in the University of Pennsylvania; Professor of Therapeutics and Clinical Medicine in the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Octavo of 1106 pages. Philadelphia and London: M. B. Saunders Company, 1922. Cloth, \$7.50 net.

In the preface of this, the first edition, the author makes it his purpose to present descriptions of the various internal diseases which accord as nearly as possible with the present state of our knowledge and which, though concise, shall contain the necessary information upon etiology, morbid anatomy, symptomatology, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of these diseases. It is not his intention to enter upon controversial fields but he has attempted to indicate these fields where they exist and has supplied references to the medical literature in which the two sides of a question may be read.

The book is undoubtedly a valuable addition to the library of any physician. Its contents are fully up to date and the pictures of disease presented are excellent. The general plan of the book is very similar to Osler's "Practice of Medicine" and is not profusely illustrated. Reproductions of temperature charts, polygraphic and electrocardiographic tracings are used where necessary, but no other illustrations are used excepting some anatomical diagrams in the section on diseases of the nervous system. References to articles containing extensive bibliographies are given where the author thinks necessary.

The book should prove a satisfactory textbook for students and certainly will be a valuable addition to the working library of the busy practitioner. T. H. K.

X-Ray Dosage in Treatment and Radiography. By William D. Witherbee, M. D., and John Remer, M. D. 87 pages. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1922. Price, \$1.75.

A handy little manual. It will be as useful to the radiologist as the dosage table of drugs is to the general practitioner. L. E.

Hughes' Practice of Medicine. Including a section on mental diseases and one on diseases of the skin. 12th ed. By R. J. E. Scott, M. A., B. C. L., M. D. Illustrated. 810 pages. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son and Co., 1922. Price, \$4.

A useful little ready-reference manual for the office desk or the automobile side-pocket, even though the therapeutic recommendations have a flavor of antiquity that recalls flapping saddle-bags and smelly decoctions rather than automobiles and hypodermic syringes. For diabetes insipidus "Galvanism applying one pole to the neck below the occiput, the other to the hypochondriac region is of value." To aid digestion in chronic gastritis . . . "pepsin, pancreatin, papoid, and bitters are of value." Never mind—the little book has a lot of good in it. It will please many a faithful doctor, many a corner druggist, and many an old-fashioned lady. L. E.

Dental and Oral Radiography. A text-book for students and practitioners of dentistry. By James D. McCoy, M. S., D. D. S., F. A. C. D. Professor of orthodontia and radiography, College of Dentistry, University of Southern California, Los Angeles. 197 pages. 116 illustrations. 3d ed. St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company. 1922. Price, \$3.

Two of the three chapters on the technic of dental and oral radiography and the chapter on the interpretation of dental and oral radiograms are useful. The remaining nine chapters deal with the history of the X-Ray, with high tension currents, magnetism and other similar things. They are out of place in a specialized manual. If they were left out and the book reduced by three-fourths, it would be more to the point and more serviceable. L. E.

Treatment of Fractures. With notes upon a few common dislocations. By Charles Locke Scudder, M. D. Ninth Revised edition. 749 pages. 1252 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1922. Price, \$8.50.

To the ninth edition of this old stand-by are added many new methods (and old methods revised) brought out during the war, especially methods of traction and splinting. It is a perennially helpful and trustworthy guide. L. E.

BOOKS RECEIVED

A Manual of Gynecology. By John Osborn Polak, M. D., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Long Island College Hospital; Professor of Obstetrics in the Dartmouth Medical School; Gynecologist to the Jewish Hospital; Consulting Gynecologist to the Bushwick, Coney Island, Deaconess', and Williamsburgh Hospitals, Brooklyn, and the People's Hospital, New York. Second Edition, thoroughly revised. Illustrated with 139 engravings and 10 colored plates. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia and New York, 1922.

Feeding, Diet and the General Care of Children. By Albert J. Bell, M. D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Medical Department of the University of Cincinnati; Attending Pediatrician to the Cincinnati General Hospital, The Tuberculosis Hospital and the Christ Hospital. Illustrated. A book for mothers and trained nurses. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company, 1923.

Principles and Practice of Infant Feeding. By Julius H. Hess, M. D., Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatrics, University of Illinois College of Medicine; Chief of Pediatric Staff, Cook County Hospital; Attending Pediatrician to Cook County, Michael Reese and Englewood Hospitals.